SIDDHARTHA): (a) to (c). Under National Cancer Control Programme, financial assistance upto Rs. 5.00 lakhs is provided to eligible Non-Govt. Organisations for health education and early detection of cancer. During the year 1990-91, financial assistance has been provided to the following two organisations under the scheme:

(i) Dharamshila Cancer Foundation and Research Centre, New Delhi.

(ii) Cancer Centre and Welfare Home, Thakurpukur, Calcutta.

Survey on Plants in Forests

5359. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have conducted any field survey on flower plants, medicinal plants and herbs in the forests, particularly in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to protect the rare species?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Scientists from the Botanical Survey of India and the Regional Research Laboratory, Bhubaneswar have made extensive and intensive field surveys in Orissa State covering floristic studies in forests, survey on algal flora in Chilka lake, ecological studies on mangroves in the coastal belt and in the Mahanadi estuarine forests and have also published floristic accounts on medicinal plants and research papers on the ethnobotanical uses of indigenous plants by the adivasis in Orissa.

(c) The flora and fauna in Orissa is protected in a network of 18 protected areas, including the Similipal Tiger Reserve and Wildlife sanctuaries.

[*Translation*]

Extension of Ujjain-Nagda Train upto Ratlam

5360. SHRI SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps proposed to be taken to provide more seats in unreserved general compartments of trains; and

(b) the action being taken to extent Ujjain-Nagda passenger upto Ratlam and to attach adequate number of new coaches therewith?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) It has been decided to convert 20 coaches to 132 seater to be used on a day train on Bombay-Pune and Bombay-Nasik-Manmad Sections on Central Railway as a trial measure In case the trial is successful, the facility will be considered for extension on other trains.

(b) Extension of Ujjain-Nagda Passenger upto Ratlam has been examined but not found feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

Fit coaches with all amenities are only provided in the passenger trains running in Ujjain-Nagda section.